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Hard Paper in East Germany
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Documents of the State Secretariat for Chemistry, Stones and Earths indicated that first class hard paper was a scarce product and had to be imported from Western countries. Hard paper was mainly used for the windings of transformers, which required especially good quality. The State Secretariat for Chemistry, Stones and Earths in cooperation with the paper industry, started the development of a hard paper which was impregnated with a phenol-cresol resin solution. Since the experiments were unable to meet the requirements of the electrical industry, further imports of hard paper from Western countries were necessary.

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[REDACTED] Comment. The State Secretariat for Chemistry, Stones and Earths has established the Chemotex Trade Company for import and barter transactions with Western countries.

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